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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, Applicants hereby bring the following information to the attention of the Examiner in charge of the above-identified application, which includes information cited and discussed in the specification and the International Search Report issued in connection with International Patent Application No. PCT/JP2004/002786, of which the present application is the U.S. National Stage Application. A copy of the International Search Report was enclosed with the papers when entering the National Stage on April 6, 2005. The Examiner is invited to review these materials to inspect the relevance indicated during international examination with respect to the documents cited therein. The following is a list of the documents cited in the above-noted documents:

Japanese Laid-open Patent Publication No. 2001-218188, together with an English language Abstract of the same. Applicants note that this document is cited on page 1 of the specification of the present application;

Japanese Patent No. 3445986, together with an English language partial machine-translation of the same. Applicants note that this document is cited on page 12 of the specification of the present application;

Japanese Laid-open Patent Publication No. 2000-308152, together with an English language Abstract of the same;

Japanese Laid-open Patent Publication No. HEI 11-177611, together with an English language Abstract of the same; and

Japanese Laid-open Patent Publication No. HEI 11-113072, together with an English language Abstract of the same and patent family member U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0140136.

Further to 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(ii), a copy of the U.S. patent publication is not enclosed herewith. However, if a copy is needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Copies of the above-noted documents are enclosed together with a duly completed Form PTO-1449. The Examiner is accordingly requested to consider each of these documents, and to make them of record in this application by initialing in the appropriate spaces on the Form PTO-1449. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner include a copy of the initialed Form PTO-1449 with the next communication from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

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Should there be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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